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I am writing **to express my support for H7494** a bill that enhances transparency, security, and public confidence in Rhode Island's elections.

The bill requires the Board of Elections to provide a secure space for public observation of mail ballot processing, promoting openness and accountability. It also mandates signature verification using the state's central voter registration records—a proven safeguard that confirms voter identity while maintaining mail voting accessibility.

I am in full support of the H7669 Bill. This measure strikes a reasonable balance by ensuring voters still have ample opportunity to cast their ballots early while allowing election officials to better manage resources and maintain the integrity and efficiency of the voting process.